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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 13-26 with the following amended paragraph:

The exemplary fuel cell assembly 100a illustrated in Figures 9 and 10 also lacks the byproduct outlet tube 128 that is included in the exemplary assembly 100. Instead, the exemplary fuel cell assembly 100a includes a pair of byproduct outlet regions 128a and 128b which are defined by portions of the fuel cell 114a at the inner region of the assembly, and are connected to the exhaust ports 112 on the housing 102. The respective portions of the fuel cell 114a that define the byproduct outlet regions 128a and 128b also include ~~fuel passage oxidant passage~~ apertures 150, ~~oxidant fuel~~ passage apertures 152 and mixing apertures 154 (Figure 10). The ~~fuel and oxidant and~~ ~~fuel~~ passage apertures 150 and 152 allow the byproducts (and any unused reactants) from the fuel and oxidant passages 134 and 136 to enter the byproduct outlet regions 128a and 128b. The ~~mixing apertures 152 mixing apertures 154~~ allow the contents of the byproduct outlet regions 128a and 128b to mix so that any unused reactants can be properly combusted. To that end, catalytic combustor material may be positioned within the byproduct outlet regions 128a and 128b.